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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: RUCKMAN, ET AL.

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TITLE: NUCLEIC ACID LIGANDS TO  
INTEGRINS

EXAMINER: ZITOMER, S.W.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time, to and including April 30, 2003 to respond to the office action mailed December 31, 2002. The extension fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees not included or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 14, 2003

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